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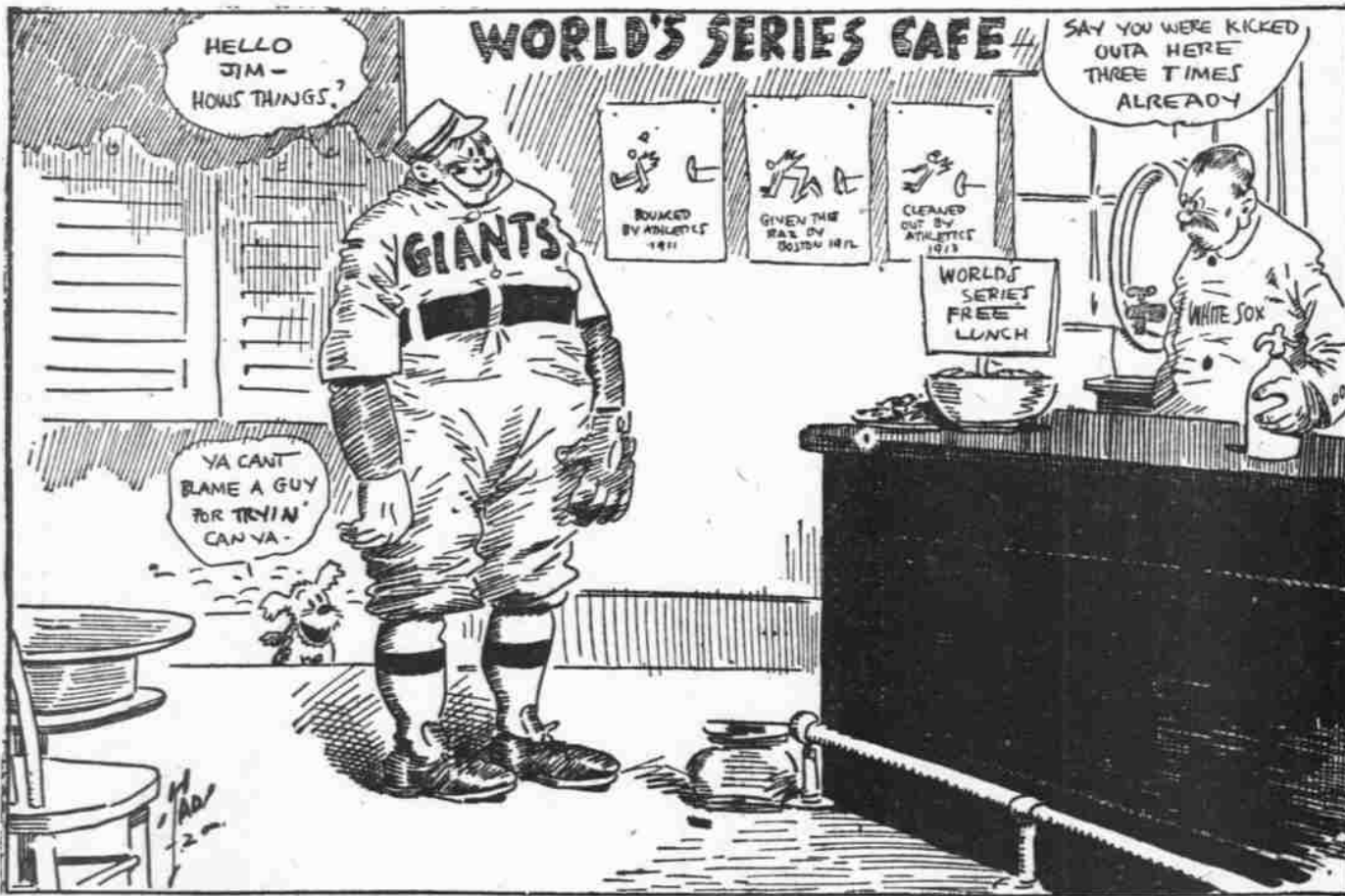
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## FULLERTON'S DOPE SHOWS ROBERTSON CONSIDERABLY AHEAD OF SOX OUTFIT

By HUGH S. FULLERTON.

New York's Giants again have the better of the comparison in dishing the right fielders, giving them a considerable lead in outfield strength. Individually, Robertson is much better than either of the men Rowland can bring into play, but, in this comparison, there is a tremendous question mark.

It is one of the best of Edna Collins, of Eddie Murphy, and Nemo Leibold—all their best qualities into action at once—the composite would, beyond doubt, be better than Dave Robertson's best. It is up to Rowland to do this if he expects his team to hold its own in left fielders.

With all due regard to those managers who advocate and practice the "bottlefield shift" made famous by Stallings a few years ago, I am of the opinion that, in a great majority of cases, it does not strengthen a team, and that, not infrequently, it hurts one or both of the players involved in the shift.

Rowland has, properly speaking, no regular right fielder. He has chosen little Nemo Leibold as the most regular, but the boy, although promising, has faults, and is weak against left-handed pitching.

Eddie Murphy, who was good enough to hold a steady job on Connie Mack's Athletics in their championship days, is not adjudged his equal. Perhaps he is not. He has been discouraged and dissatisfied, as a substitute, and has fretted because he was not regularly in the game. However, during the latter half of this season, he has revived interest, because Rowland has been using him as a pinch hitter, and he has been delivering wonderfully.

Murphy Better Than Leibold.

Of course, it is easy for us to manage a team as volunteers. I do not know Rowland's reasons for choosing Leibold over Murphy, for it always has been my opinion that Murphy, if played regularly, would be the better man. I feel certain now he would be a better man for this series because of his past experience in such affairs, and for the further reason that Leibold has, time and again, shown a tendency to be nervous and to break in tight places. The records of the season show that almost every miff he has made has been of an easy type in a tight place.

John Collins is used by Rowland against the left handers, which means that he will do the most of the right fielding on this occasion. Collins is an old and peculiar ball player. He is what is known in the bench parlance as a "swinger," and he takes a frightful wallop at the ball. During the early spring months, he is a great hitter, but when the pitchers speed up and strike their regular form, his hitting stops, except against

### Right Fielders

GIANTS.	
Offensive value.....	774
Defensive value.....	248
Total value.....	1022
WHITE SOX.	
Offensive value.....	768
Defensive value.....	228
Total value.....	996

left handers, and he is used chiefly as a pinch hitter against them. Oddly enough, after he has been on the bench for a time, he comes back for a streak of batting; then slumps again. Now, the New York pitchers do not know Collins' style, and, since it is certain the lanky boy from Newton Upper Falls is going to get into the game.

I can see a big chance for him to do some fence-busting, and get back at the Chicago fans who have hooted him for failures to hit in a pinch. Collins is, to my way of thinking, an unfortunate ball player. Had he been in with any other club, things might have been different. On Mack's, for instance, he probably would have been a great star.

Mack would have cured him of the little fault that has marred his career. He was badly handled with the White Sox, and the fault became a habit. He will be a swinger to the end of his career, but, in a world's series against nervous pitchers not familiar with his style, he is liable to put over one of those haymaker blows that have kept him on the pay roll.

Collins, Good Fielder.

As a fielder, Collins is all right, fast, rangy, covering a lot of ground, and while he looks awkward, he isn't. He would play that Polo Grounds right field better, I imagine, than Leibold will.

So, you see, we have to figure a combination of Collins, Leibold and Murphy in this series, for, in certain exigencies Rowland will bring Murphy into action. We cannot figure (as I do for a season) that this switch will bring out the best each man has in him. The opportunities are too few.

True, McGraw came near winning a series by switching Jack Barry from left to right and back again, but it was sheer luck that every time he switched, he had chances to make sensational plays that only he could make. It might happen in this case, but the chances are all against it, and we are compelled to figure on the probability of such chances being ofered.

I figure that Rowland will use Collins right off the reel against Schupp, and that Collins will do more right fielding than Leibold will, and, by this shift, Rowland's hamper, in a way, McGraw's left-handed generalship.

I am afraid the tension and nerve strain will tend to affect the work of Leibold anyhow—and a muffed fly in a world's series is a frightful happening—as Cy Seymour can testify. With forty thousand yelling at once, and the bleachers roaring at his back, the chances for Leibold muling are doubled, at least. Collins will be the effect that way, nor will Murphy, if he gets into the defensive play. He probably will not start any games, but may finish in the field, after participating in the attack.

Robertson Near-Grand Player.

On this combination, it is compelled to figure Robertson the better in the dope. Robertson is a near-great ball player. He has as much speed as any one needs. He covers ground with great agility, and starts well on all hits. He can play that Polo Grounds down hill right field to perfection, and he knows

the arc of the stand, so that he can go almost against the concrete in high and not be bluffed by the nearness of the tall wall.

This wall, as you may know, is a big handicap to visiting players, who do not have an opportunity to become familiar with it. To a right fielder the tallness of the wall makes it seem closer than it really is, and a stranger on the field is very apt to slow down or quit entirely on a fly ball or a line smash that one, who knows the ground thoroughly, would keep after and perhaps catch. This may affect Leibold also, because he is so short. Collins could back up against the wall and reach a ball Leibold could not touch.

The wall has an advantage to Robertson also, in that his one big weakness is on ground balls. The short field with the wall behind him saves him many times during a season on hits that trickle through. He has improved much in stopping ground balls in the last two years, but the fellows in the bench still hold their breath until they see him get it.

Robertson has not had a good season at bat, and his average is below what it should be normally. He is rapping the ball along 2-40, and ought to be thirty points higher. He is a good waiter, a clever man on the bases, and has a lot of speed.

Murphy can hold him level as a base runner, and in taking the limit of ground on any hit. Leibold is a clever and tricky man on the bases, and a scudder, rather than a sprinter, spry in getting away from a base, and rather adroit in going into the base. Collins has as much speed, almost, but is not a good base runner, either in starting or finishing. Once under way he can round the bases in great style with his long striding action.

Murphy Great Pinch Hitter.

Murphy really is the best hitter of the four, even though his average this season has been swelled by his remarkable exploits as a pinch hitter, by which he has gained much ground.

Robertson does not figure to hit any better in the coming series than he has during the season. The style of pitching is rather to his liking, and he ought to hit fairly hard. I am not greatly in favor of the Giants' figuring at present that any of the Giants will hit Cicotte hard in his first game, and Robertson figures among those who will be worried greatly by the alleged "shiner" ball.

If Rowland gets Collins into action at just the right time, the White Sox have a chance to overcome the slight difference in favor of the Giants shown by the dope. This difference is not sufficient to warrant any wagering on either team. The White Sox grounds will trouble Robertson as much if not more than the Polo Grounds will handicap Leibold.

Remember this, too, that a mistake on the Polo Grounds is not liable to mean more than one base, while, if a ball gets past Robertson on the White Sox Park, it means all sorts of trouble, and if it gets onto foul ground and goes past, the plate is the undeviating.

This completes the study of the regulars, and tomorrow we will sum up the outfielders, and compile the statistics on the eight regular players. In that article I wish to explain how I have figured the substitutes as part of the game, laying special stress on McMullin, Smith, and Whitlow, who probably will figure to some extent.

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KEWPIE ISSUES DEFIN.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 2.—Kewpie Little of St. Paul has issued a challenge to Pete Herman, bantam champion, for a twenty-round bout to be fought in New Orleans before Herman joins the army.

WILL MEET TODAY.

Army and Navy Preps and Western will open their football campaigns today on Friends' Field.

SPILLING THE PINS.

HIGH SET.

HIGH GAME.

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## These Will Write and Illustrate The World's Series For The Times

TAD—FULLERTON—MCGRAW—CRANE

Tad, The Times' famous cartoonist; Hugh Fullerton, the greatest of baseball authorities; John McGraw, the biggest man in baseball, and Sam Crane, the dean of baseball writers, will cover the World's Series games for Times readers.

Each of these men is the best in his particular field. Tad will illustrate and describe every interesting incident in the games. Fullerton will dope the next day's game, McGraw will write from the standpoint of a participating manager, and Crane will write technically of how the games are lost and won.

Every detail of the big contests will be given in The Times extras daily. A complete box score will be published, showing just what every player did and Who's Who and What's What as the contests go along.

## FREAK BETS RESULT OF COMING WORLD'S SERIES

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

All the "nuts" are loose.

The annual battle for the championship of the world, like the annual elections, all brings out its bunch of freak bets, and the 1917 title tilt is stringing right along with history.

Fans don't agree to roll peanuts a half mile if their ball club doesn't land the bunting, but when they can't pick the winner they go out of their way to bet on phases of the great national pastime.

Chicago fans, based on their belief that Connick's crew will humble the Giants, have found it impossible to get their money down, so they have hung up some wonderful wagers. Here are a few of them:

Even money that Cicotte gives fewer passes than Schupp.

Even money the Sox win next Saturday's opening game.

Fifteen to 1 that the Sox don't win the first four in a row.

Here's a Hot One.

Three to 1 that the first man at bat does not hit safely.

Two to one that Eddie Collins gets more hits than Herzog.

Even money that the first ball pitched will be called a strike.

Even money that Kauff doesn't get a hit in his first four times at bat.

Eleven to 10 that the Sox steal more bases than the Giants.

Twelve to 5 that the Giants don't take three out of four games.

Six to 5 that the teams don't break even in the first four games.

Little Interest Here.

With the world's series due to open in Chicago next Saturday, there is less interest here than usual in the games. This is caused probably by the inability of most Washingtonians to see any of the games. It may also be due to the apparent lack of interest in baseball in Washington this season.

Usually a few wagers are made here as soon as the two contenders are

## WINDY CITY FANS DISAPPOINTED BY FAILURE TO LAND

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—Vigorous protests from scores of Chicagoans were received today at the Chicago American League Park when the first batch of unfilled applications for world's series seats were returned to their senders. Letters stating the applicants had been among the first to send their requests for seats came in by the hundreds. Resentment was expressed by many because the first applications filed had been from those which reached the park by special delivery, while those coming through the ordinary mail were unfilled until one day. It was announced that 3,000 special delivery requests were handled.

The game in this city will start at 2 o'clock, it was announced today.

K. OF C. TO HAVE STARS IN RECREATION SERVICE

Athletes, taught by star athletes, is to form part of the service of the Knights of Columbus at the army cantonments. Two thousand applications were received for places as secretaries, but only 150 of the best were accepted.

At Camp Meade, Md., W. R. Walsh, graduate of St. Francis Xavier's College, Nova Scotia, and post-graduate student at Catholic University, will be in charge, assisted by J. A. Toomey of Philadelphia.

The best known secretary is Charles Dorais, former star quarterback on the Notre Dame eleven and now director of athletics at Duquesne College, Duquesne, Pa. He has not been assigned yet.

Clarence Mannon, in charge at Gettysburg, Pa., is a post-graduate student at Catholic University, and a former baseball and basketball star at St. Mary's College, Kentucky.

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## COUNTERFEIT TICKETS OFFERED FOR BIG SERIES

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—Counterfeiters have gone to work on the world's series, according to the national commission, which today issued a warning to baseball fans.

"Baseball patrons are warned against purchasing world series tickets except through the regular channels," read an announcement by the commission.

"It has been reported a plan for counterfeiting world's series tickets is under way."

"This information is believed to be correct."

The commission also admitted its ability to "Shylock Holmes" the festive speculator.

"Plans have been formulated whereby the management can trace tickets that have been resold." It announced. "The management reserves the privilege of refusing admission to any persons on tickets purchased from speculators."

Speculators are said to have been offering grand stand seats in downtown hotels last night—face value \$4.50, for three games—for the insignificant price of \$35.

The city council passed a special ordinance against ticket scalpers, and added a resolution instructing the White Sox to lam the stuffing out of the Giants for the honor and glory of Chicago.

GRIFFS IN TWIN BILL.

BOSTON, Oct. 2.—The Red Sox and Griffins, given their final series of the 1917 campaign here today with a doubleheader.

## THOROUGHNESS AND REAL THOUGHT WINS IN FIELD

By SOL METZGER, Coach Washington and Jefferson Eleven.

This brings us to the other vital point which is neglected—so much in coaching—making a player think beyond his coaching and assume some of the responsibility when filling his position. The overlooking of this point is a harmful one in that the players are thus too limited both in their work in games and in the benefit football does give to those who participate in it in their future life. One of the finest lessons of the game is lost in this way.

This lack of self-thinking, this dependency upon the coach to do all of it, stifles a man's mental development and makes him but a pawn in the game, and in life after college.

The greatest lesson to be learned from football is the ability of each man to size up the many various situations which come up in the game, and not depend upon some one higher up to do his thinking. Give me a team which thinks for itself, and I will have a winner nine times out of ten.

Thinking Brings Victory.

Last fall, when my eleven played Washington and Lee, a much heavier team, it was this ability to think which had much to do with our narrow-margin victory. Our opponents used a new style of end attack, near the close of the first period which met with tremendous success. Our ends were boxed on every play. I had to content myself with waiting until the half was over before instructing the ends—a nerve-wrecking job.

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